AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A casting resin composition used for covering optoelectronic components is known from US Patent 5,492,981. Said US patent thus relates to a field of use which is different from the field of use of the present invention. For instance, the hardener type and the curing temperature cited in said patent publication indicate that the known composition in question is not related to paints in any manner whatsoever. The resin component of the casting resin composition according to the US patent contains 5 to 95 % by weight of a condensation product which is an ~~expoxy-groups-containing~~ epoxy group containing polysiloxane formed of a silanol and an epoxyalkoxysilane at an elevated temperature. According to the publication, the resin component also contains 5 to 95% by weight of epoxy resin. The solution of the present invention, in turn, uses polysiloxane, which does not include epoxy groups, and separately epoxy silane and aliphatic epoxy resin.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a composition to be used in paints, which is characterized by comprising a resin constituent which includes

i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,

ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:

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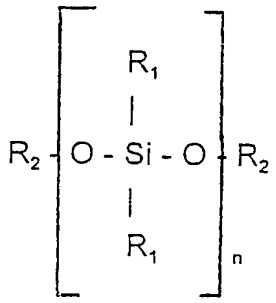

where R^1 is hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms, R^2 is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the ~~molar mass~~ total molecular weight of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains.--

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 5 of page 4:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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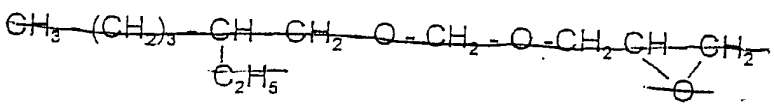
Figure 1 shows the charge in glass of several paint compositions subjected to a QUV test.--

Please replace the second formula on page 5 as follows:



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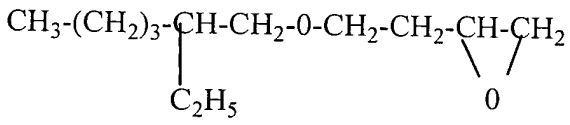

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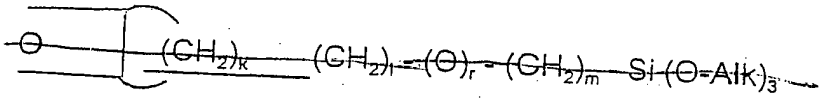

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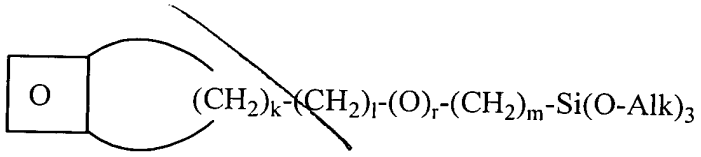
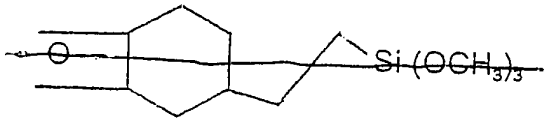


Please replace the fifth formula on page 5 as follows:



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